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SUBJECT: VOA COVERAGE OF MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

REF: ATHENS 1166 (NOTAL)

1. MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY WILL HOLD SEMINAR ON "PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST" MAY 5-6. ACADEMICIANS FROM ISRAEL, EGYPT, TURKEY AND U.S. WILL PARTICIPATE. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE TWO TOP U.S. SCHOLARS: PROF. J.C. HUREWITZ OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND PROF. MICHAEL C. HUDSON, DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARAB STUDIES, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. IN ADDITION, FOUR EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI SCHOLARS HAVE CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR:

- A) DR. EL-SAYED YASSIN, DIRECTOR, CENTER STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES, AL AHAM, CAIRO.
  - B) PROF. ALI HILLAL DESSOUKI, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO.
  - C) PROF. MOSHE MA'OZ, DIRECTOR, TRUMAN INSTITUTE, HEBREW
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UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM.  
D) PROF. SHIMON SHAMIR, SHILOAH CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY.

2. WE RECOMMEND SEMINAR FOR COVERAGE BY VOA ENGLISH AND ARABIC SERVICES, PLUS PHONE FEEDS TO REGIONAL RADIO NETS AS WARRANTED. THERE ARE ALSO DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKISH SCENE,

INCLUDING IN TURKEY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, WARRANTING VISIT  
BY VOA CORRESPONDENT. WE NOTE VOA CORRESPONDENT DOUG  
ROBERTS WAS UNABLE TO MAKE HIS PLANNED TRIP TO TURKEY  
IN FEBRUARY (REF). FINALLY, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO COVER  
SEMINAR FROM OUR OWN STAFF BECAUSE OF OUR OWN PROGRAM  
ACTIVITIES AT THAT TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: VISIT BY VOA CORRESPONDENT TO COVER  
MAY 5-6 SEMINAR, WITH STAY EXTENDED SEVERAL DAYS FOR COVERAGE  
OF TURKISH DEVELOPMENTS.  
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